

REMARKS

Kiang ("micromachined microscanners...") and Ikeda ("two-dimensional..."), both published in 1997, were relied on by the Examiner to reject the pending claims. The rejections based on these references are moot and should be withdrawn.

The instant application claimed the priority of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/519,576, filed March 6, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,257,491 which, in turn, is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/631,364, filed on April 12, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,059,188 which, in turn, is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/506,574, filed on July 25, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 6,102,294. As the Examiner will note upon reviewing U.S. Patent No. 6,102,294, all of the current claims find support and therefore are entitled to the priority date of July 25, 1995, which is prior to the 1997 publication date of Kiang and Ikeda.

Petition is hereby made for a three-month extension of the period to respond to the outstanding Official Action to June 13, 2007. A check in the amount of \$120.00, as the Petition fee, is enclosed herewith. If there are any additional charges, or any overpayment, in connection with the filing of the response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such deficiency, or credit any such overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 11-1145.

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Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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